

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
Tuesday, July 22, 2008  
5:30 PM

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Present: Audrey Murphy, Harold Pfothenhauer, Mary Scray, J. Tibbetts, M.D., Joe Van Deurzen

Excused: Don Murray

Staff Present: Judy Friederichs, Ricki Krautkramer, John Paul

Guests Present: Ray Kopish (Green Bay Chamber of Commerce)

1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / BOARD STATUS UPDATE

Judy reported that the County Executive is working with her to try to recruit a representative from the Hmong community to fill the Board vacancy. The person they have in mind works at NWTC. Judy has contacted this person – he is going to get back to her after consulting with members of some other boards that he serves on.

2. APPROVAL / MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: To Approve the agenda as presented. Van Deurzen / Pfothenhauer

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2008

Motion: To receive and place on file. Van Deurzen / Pfothenhauer

MOTION CARRIED

4. BUDGET 2009

Judy stated that the budget packet that was sent to board members includes only information regarding the levy portion of the budget. The levy target for the department was increased by approximately 2.3%.

Information Services chargebacks were calculated differently this year – charges were distributed among several different line items. Also, Information Services has started a new replacement program which will require us to pay 1/5 of our total equipment cost each year to cover the cost of regular replacement of all I.S. equipment. This equipment is almost completely funded by grant dollars.

Facilities Management chargebacks took a big jump this year – so Judy contacted the director of the department. He is doing some research with the management company that actually does the costing of these chargebacks. Audrey commented that this is the first year that the board has seen a breakdown of indirect costs. She is concerned about the size of the Facilities charge.

Joe commented that the increase in the budget is more than 2% when the levy increase allowed is only 2%. Judy stated that the salary increase alone was about 4% - so it gets tighter every year to meet the budget. In 2009, for example, all conference and training funds as well as security in the form of armored car and panic alarm service have been cut. In addition, an increase in Public Health Revenue helped to offset the increase in costs – this is mostly the result of a 9% increase in licensing fees as well as the use of fund balance from grant carryover.

Judy stated that her biggest concern with the budget is that it will be difficult to keep staff abreast of current information in their field after cutting out conference allowances and supportive materials (books, videos, etc.).

John stated he is looking at a change in the pre-inspection fee schedule. The new structure would have fees assessed for each license rather than for each establishment. For example, a hotel with a restaurant and a pool would pay separate fees for the hotel, the restaurant and the pool. This makes the fee structure fairer for small establishments with one license vs. large establishments with several licenses. These fees will be included in the fee schedule submitted with the budget packet. Joe commented that pre-inspections can potentially save the establishment owner a lot of money if the inspector finds something important that needs to be fixed before the establishment opens.

Judy stated that the budget is due at the end of the week.

Audrey asked if Judy is comfortable eliminating the funding for security monitoring. Judy stated that the system has never been used in an emergency, but was installed based on the recommendation of the Safety Committee and the Sheriff's department. Audrey also asked whether deposits could be transported by someone else such as the Treasurer. Judy stated that other departments pay for armored car service through the Treasurer's office. Mary asked whether a Sheriff's deputy could make the deliveries. Judy stated that the department was not able to get a deputy to accompany a nurse on a dangerous home visit – so it would be next to impossible to get them to make deposits for us.

Mary asked what was included in "Equipment Non-Outlay". Judy stated that this mostly included the equipment amortization plan for Information Services.

Mary asked Judy if she has anything in mind to cut from the budget if she is asked to. Judy said that it would be very difficult since most of the items that had been on a “cut list” in the past have already been cut.

The budget meeting with the County Executive is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION: To approve the proposed 2009 budget as presented.  
Van Deurzen / Tibbetts

MOTION CARRIED

5. UPDATE: TEENAGE PREGNANCY (Ricki Krautkramer)

Ricki said that the 2007 statistics are not yet available. There was some excellent media coverage following the last Board of Health meeting. Ricki received a lot of response related to that media coverage.

A provider summit was held at UWGB in partnership with United Way – 170 people registered for this event. Attendance included a cross-section of educators, faith-based representatives, parents, etc.

Several new members have been added to the prevention committee as a result of media coverage.

Audrey asked what the makeup of the committee is. Ricki stated that there are representatives from the YWCA, St. Mary's A Woman's Place, Think Marriage, Wise Woman Gathering Place – but no educators. She would like to do some outreach to get educators on the committee.

Ricki distributed some statistics from the United Way regarding the impact on the community of teen pregnancy.

Joe suggested that Ricki write an article for the Press Gazette when the 2007 statistics become available.

Audrey said that she attended the summit at UWGB. She said that she was encouraged by Harry Sidney's speech about accountability and responsibility. Audrey also shared an article from the Milwaukee Journal regarding teen pregnancy. She stated that she would like to attend one of the prevention committee meetings. Ricki stated that the meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 3:00. The next 2 meetings will be held at the Health Department office.

6. STATUS: ODOR COMPLAINTS (John Paul)  
SUMMER MONITORING OF OWBF

John said that there have been no complaints so far this season regarding Allen Canning. However, there have been 31 complaints with one citation so far for Packerland Packing – this is the first violation for Packerland this year. John and Joe Nowak have met with representatives from Allen who seem to be going forward with the change to how they hold and dispose of their waste water.

Audrey asked for an update on the Allen Canning citation that was supposed to go to court in December. John stated that it will be going to trial on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

John stated that the department doesn't receive many calls regarding outdoor wood-burning stoves. He did respond with Rob Gollman to a complaint in Dykesville recently – the issue there may be solved with an extension to the stack on the stove in question.

Dr. Tibbetts brought in an article from the April Press Gazette. He said that there are 6 states that have at least 10,000 units in place – Wisconsin has 27,000. There are no federal or state regulations regarding use of these furnaces. The industry is trying to deal with concerns to some extent – but the manufacturers aren't even complying with those requirements. He feels that the state and federal governments should pass legislation to regulate these units.

John stated that no birds have tested positive for West Nile Virus in our area as of today. There have been positive animals in Eau Claire and Douglas Counties but no human cases in the state.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There have been four cases of E. Coli reported in our area that were linked to each other but not to the national cases that have been in the news recently.

There have also been some cases of salmonella that are linked but not connected to the tomatoes or jalapenos in the national cases. Three of the local cases are also linked to another one in a county in Michigan. A restaurant may be linked to all of the cases. The infected individuals did not want to share information that would have been helpful in pinpointed the source of these infections.

There have been a few cases of Measles – mostly in the southern part of the state.

Judy said that there is currently a shortage of rabies vaccine due to a temporary shutdown of one of the manufacturers. The sole manufacturer at this point is asking that providers submit a request for vaccine only after a patient is exposed. Judy is in contact with the state and with CDC to work out a better way to have vaccine on-hand before it is needed.

The Division of Health is working to develop local teams to measure radiation within a 50 mile radius of nuclear power plants. This would also include transportation of radioactive materials, etc. They have approached the department to include sanitarians on the local team. One sanitarian has expressed interest as has the local preparedness coordinator. They will be expected to attend a one-time, 2-week training course with annual regional updates and exercises thereafter. Judy has agreed to commit to the program for a period of three years and will decide whether to continue after that point.

Judy said that the state has wanted to reduce the number of preparedness consortia across the state. At this time there are 11 consortia – the state would like to reduce that to 5 or 6. The biggest reason is the reduction in funding from CDC. The deadline for making these reductions is the end of 2009. A decision as to who will be the fiscal agent in our region must be made by the end of March. The regional public health officers meet every other month and have been holding strategic planning sessions to determine how the regional consortium might be structured, what existing staff can be maintained, etc. The current vacancies in the BCOLM consortium will not be filled at this time.

Judy has participated in local planning meetings with healthcare partners regarding a number of preparedness plan topics as well as the antiviral distribution plan that was recently released by the state. In addition, the Northeast region held a meeting in June, also focusing on the antiviral distribution plan. In a pandemic, the state would be a distributing point for antiviral medication for 20% of the population – which would be people who met the appropriate criteria for being ill. The state is looking for clinics who might be able and willing to distribute antiviral medication according to their guidelines and have facilities to receive these patients without exposing anyone else. There was interest from some nursing homes in the region.

Health department staff were involved with the boil water notice in Bellevue. While we do not do water testing for Bellevue, we have about 40 licensed establishments that staff worked with to help them run their facilities without access to municipal water.

Health department staff participated in Farm Technology Days – although it was only open about half of the time before it was evacuated due to the heavy rain. Public Health Nurses gave 300 doses of tetanus vaccines during the time they were there. There was also a very large booth area

with general public health and preparedness information. Local Emergency Planning, Tobacco and Wisconsin Well Woman programs also had displays in the booth.

8. OTHER BUSINESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Dr. Tibbetts received an update from Senator Dave Hansen regarding the tobacco legislation. The letter indicated that there has been no progress on the issue at this point.

9. ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

Motion: To Adjourn at 7:05 PM. Scray / Pfothenhauer

MOTION CARRIED